

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the indicated portions of the specification as follows:

[0025] The computer interface 203 and the network interface 207 may also be any type of appropriate interface that permits the cache engine 206 to communicate with a computer and a network, respectively. The particular method of interconnecting the computer and the network to the CBD 202 is a matter of design choice. Methods utilizing commonly known formats such as IDE, ATA, SCSI, and IEEE 1394, among others, are acceptable for the computer interface 203. Each of these formats for the computer interface 203 inherently enables communications exclusively between the computer (main CPU) and the attached CBD 202. Further, those skilled in the art will appreciate that such formats allow the CBD 202 to be used as a direct attached storage peripheral. Methods utilizing commonly known network interface types, such as Ethernet, Token Ring, and ATM, among others, and network protocols such as TCP/IP, IPX, AppleTalk, and SNA, among others, are acceptable for the network interface 207. Such components are generally widely available from a variety of computer hardware vendors.

[0028] FIG. 3 illustrates a networked computer 301 incorporating a CBD 202 in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention. In the embodiment shown, the CBD 202 is incorporated internally to the computer 301 as a direct attached storage peripheral. However, the CBD 202 may also be external to the computer 301 without losing any of the functionality described herein. As in the prior art, the computer includes a CPU 304, an interface bus 305, a secondary storage device 308, and a network interface 307. The operating system 303 integrates the operation of the various components and the applications 302 are executed within the environment created by the operating system 303. The computer 301 is connected to a file and print server 315

and an application server 316 via the network interface 307. The CBD 202 is communicably connected to the computer by connecting the computer interface (not shown in FIG. 3) to the interface bus 305.